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GURNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report on the 7th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Compass Room at Gurnard Pines on Wednesday 20th June 2012 from 7pm.

Present:

Councillors Richard Day (Chairman), & Aslam Javaid, **IW Councillor** Paul Fuller, **Messrs** Guy Boorman, Bede Townsend, Terry Nolan, Miles Seymour, Richard Cobden, Jon Pearson & Greg Malone and **Madame** Trish Wray. Also Rusty Adams (Parish Clerk).

Apologies:

Yvonne Ras & Pat Abrook.

Steering Group – Membership:

One member has stood down, but Greg Mallone and Jon Pearson have joined and so the Steering Group now stands at 14 members. Additionally, there are now 28 people who have offered to help in ways apart from the Steering Group work. There was also some discussion on how to specifically involve the young people in the village.

Matters Arising from 23/5/12:

- a. Marsh Road – a flyer has been dropped off to every house and chalet, which gave a précis of the plan's purpose and asking for one representative of Marsh Road to come onto the Steering Group – no response yet.
- b. Village Housing & Population Statistics (10 years) - Some research has been carried out, and basic Office of National Statistics information was e-mailed to all last week. Paul Fuller may also have some other information.
- c. Determination of 44, Worsley Road application – this has now been withdrawn.
- d. Steering Group Input to Street Light column design under the PFI project – The new lights will be LED lights on a standard design column – this design, and perhaps suggestions for local design, can be commented upon at a series of road show events planned for September & October. A unique local design could be incorporated, provided that any additional cost was covered locally so evidence of need from local consultation would be needed beforehand.
- e. Press List Creation – this work will hopefully be completed in time for the next meeting.
- f. Website & Video Equipment – the dedicated website fee of £52.78 will be covered by the Parish Council.
Video Projector & Screen – the range available is huge and depends on the quality needed to satisfactorily use at public meetings over distance and prices vary from about £300 to £800. Screens vary too, and information indicates that for modern PC's and laptop presentations the 16.9 format is

best, and prices range from about £100 to £180. The Parish Council has approved a £1000 budget, **and it was agreed that Richard Cobden would liaise with Rusty on the specification.**

SHLAA Sites Visit 11/6/12:

5 Steering Group members and Peter Griffiths from the IW Council visited all the proposed sites except for "The Glen", and all the sites are still being assessed. Feedback discussion included:

- Parker site – appears well screened from the Jordan Valley, but there are some concerns about the terrain for where the affordable housing stock is proposed.
- Dottens Farm – it was suggested that this was a landmark for Gurnard, with respect to the Parish "Green Gap"
- Place Road – the Parish "Green Gap" featured in discussion again. Feedback from local residents there will be crucial, both inside and outside the Parish, so there may be benefit in talking to Cowes TC and Northwood PC also. Apparently a developer has options on the land
- Jordan Valley – general discussion
- Readers' site – a developer is looking at some options now, and the consensus was that this was a preferred site but there may be lease concerns for industrial users.
- Tuttons Hill – discussion indicated this was the least favoured site

Discussion also included sustainability of any new development, especially in terms of local infrastructure & facilities, and ecological/environmental studies of all sites are needed. Peter Griffiths has requested details of any local information about all the sites, including photos. It was agreed to ask Peter Griffiths for all site reports as they become available, and also for any site agents' details.

Focus Groups:

The idea of having 4 groups working under the Steering Group, all of which would have different remits, was discussed further – these were (1) Buildings and Development, (2) Environment, (3) Regeneration, Economy and Tourism & (4) Social Wellbeing and Community.

It was agreed that this is a good idea, and that those on the helpers list would be asked in they'd like to be involved, as well as asking for volunteers in the forthcoming general survey.

Wildlife Survey:

Some preliminary work has been carried out with contacts being made with CPRE, Wildlife Trust, IW Ecology, and Natural England - some information is expected to arrive soon. This work will come under the remit of the Environment Focus Group.

General Survey Questionnaire:

An updated version of the current Register of Electors has been obtained – Section 7 the Representation of the People's Act prohibits copying of it and generally handing it out, but there will be no problem in using it to identify houses not on the register. It was mentioned that, due to the local elections in May 2013, the IW Council is undertaking a project to promote registration very shortly and so the register will change between now and then. A draft format was circulated, and **it was agreed to alter the wording to the "existing community services" question to read "community facilities & services" and that the range of topics in brackets should be extended. Also the "SHLAA" question should be reworded to indicate "potential housing sites" and "SHLAA" should be written out in full. (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment).**

It was also agreed that the small sub-group would meet again at Gurnard Pines on Thursday 28th June from 7pm, to finalise the format and to discuss the distribution logistics.

Consultation Programme

Miles circulated a draft programme, covering the period January 2012 to November 2013. **It was agreed that all would study the programme, feed any points back to Miles a.s.a.p. and that the programme would be reviewed at each meeting.**

Local Community Groups

Contact has been made with some groups in the Village, with a view to gaining access to one of their meetings to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan – results so far were:

- Gurnard WI – Andy – no details yet
- Portland Inn & Woodvale Hotel – Bede – still to do
- Gurnard Cottage Garden Society – Rusty – the group meets on the 1st Wednesday each month except August, and the idea will be put to their next meeting on 4/7/12.
- Gurnard Sailing Club – Richard Day – no details yet
- Gurnard Primary School & Friends Association – Richard Cobden – no details yet
- Gurnard Scouts & Guides – Greg – response expected from Paul Savill soon
- Gurnard Mums & Toddlers Group – Rusty – a visit would be welcomed – it meets on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am – call Katie on 609005 when to visit
- Gurnard Village Hall Association – Andy – no details yet
- Gurnard Business Community & Farming Community – Bede – there is no business association in the Village, and there was little or no positive response to this idea
- Gurnard Regatta – Guy has a gazebo and permission already given for a plot - 21/7/12 from 12.30pm to 4pm
- All Saints Church – Richard Day – spoken, but no initial positive response – a 2nd attempt may be needed
- Gurnard Club (Age UK) – Rusty – a visit would be welcomed – the group meets at the Village Hall on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2pm to 3.45pm – call Alan Wiles on 525282 to arrange visit

Other Points

None raised.

Next Agenda

Nothing mentioned

Next Meeting

Thursday 26th July 2012 – 7pm in the Compass Room (if possible) at Gurnard Pines. **Rusty will not be able to attend due to a previously arranged meeting, so someone will have to take the notes and write the report.**

The meeting closed at 9.03pm